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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

Sir:

Please amend the claims and add claims 209-230 as follows.

**CLAIMS** 

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130. (amended)

The aerial launch system of claim 129, said base structure

comprising a transportable conveyance comprising a water craft capable of creating a

relative wind through forward movement sufficient to provide lift to said lifting apparatus.

Subcomb.

137. (amended) An aerial recovery system for an aircraft, said system

comprising:

a lifting apparatus for carrying said recovery system to an elevated altitude,

a tow line connecting said aerial apparatus to a base structure, and

arrestment means;